

### REMARKS

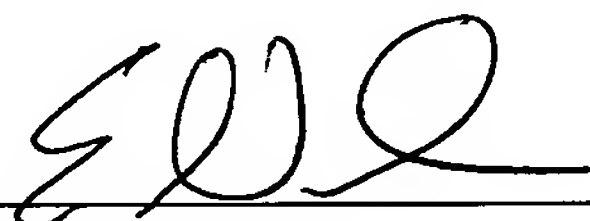
The specification has been amended mainly to remove reference numerals from the abstract. Claims 1-18 have been amended. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. The amendments to the specification and claims are to conform the application to U.S. practice. Thus, the specification and claim amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter to the application. In view of the above, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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